

ARE TO CARE FOR POOR MINISTERS

North Carolina Baptists Will
Provide for Them When
Infirm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILSON, N. C., December 10.—Last night the Baptist State Convention was formally organized by the election of Professor J. B. Carline, of Wake Forest, as president. He made a very interesting talk upon assuming the chair, relative to the growth of the church, and stated that the year just closing was great in achievement and glorious in results. The other officers of the convention are: Vice-President, E. McK. Goodwin, of M. H. H. and G. W. Harrison; Secretaries, N. B. Broughton and C. E. Brewer; Corresponding Secretary, Livingston Johnson; Treasurer, Walters Durham.

Then followed the address of welcome by the Rev. John T. Jenkins. He expressed the pleasure felt by him and the people of Wilson in having the convention in our city. All the delegates, said he, had been comfortably provided for, and while more were coming yet he was sure there was room for all, since some seventy-five housekeepers desired to entertain the delegates, yet so far had none. Mr. Kittrell kept the house roaring and created a fine impression. He also referred to the hospitality of Wilson and the beauty and progressiveness of our city. The chair announced the committees and adjourned.

The morning service was taken up by the reading of the reports from the various committees on the order of business, ministers' relief fund and home missions. Dr. B. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Theological Seminary, addressed the convention, urging the necessity for the support of that institution.

Dr. Huffman made a very touching speech on the necessity for the care of aged ministers, who had worn themselves out in the service of the Master. He brought tears to the eyes of many when he announced that he was too poor to buy even the ground in which his remains would repose when he finished the fight and was called to his reward.

The Baptist State Convention to-day decided to establish a home for the care of aged ministers. Each Christmas Day in all the Baptist churches a collection will be taken for the relief of these preachers. In a few minutes this morning following a great appeal by the State's foremost Baptist, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, \$1,500 was raised for the institution of which he is president, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Reports on the Mission and Sunday School Board and ministerial education followed. The church to be in a better financial condition than ever before. After this the new pastors were introduced and some very felicitous remarks made.

To-night the subjects of "Home Missions" and the "Thomasville Orphanage" was taken up.

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LAWYER AYDLETT FACES CHARGES

Prominent North Carolina Bar-
rister Before the State Bar
Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GREENSBORO, N. C., December 10.—The legal ethics committee of the State Bar Association has been in strict executive session here to-day hearing evidence on charges filed against E. F. Aydlott, leading Eastern North Carolina lawyer, of Elizabeth City, by Northern clients, for alleged misrepresentations relative to accounts collected. Judge Fulton, of Washington, by Northern clients, for alleged misrepresentations relative to accounts collected. Judge Fulton, of Washington, by Northern clients, for alleged misrepresentations relative to accounts collected.

Prominent among many other outside parties, evidently witnesses, permitted in the trial chamber, is L. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, whom Aydlott prevented being confirmed to a second term as postmaster at Elizabeth City on charges of corrupt practices, giving rise to the rumor that Meekins instigated the charges.

One of Aydlott's friends, to-night, upon conclusion of the evidence, said there was nothing in the charges, but that no decision from the committee was expected at present. Argument in the case began at 10 o'clock. The meeting has been kept as secret as possible, but the presence of so many prominent attorneys here from a distance naturally aroused inquiry, without getting any direct information at all.

The court of inquiry is composed of ex-Congressman Theodore Klutz, of Salisbury; A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, and State Senator A. M. Scales, of Greensboro.

News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau.
103 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., December 10.

Hon. Edward C. Venable, one of Petersburg's most esteemed and best-known citizens, died last night in Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where he went a few days ago as a patient. Mr. Venable was a sufferer from heart trouble and nervous breakdown, and for several months had been confined to his home on Adams Street. His condition finally became so serious that, with the hope of benefit and on advice of his physician and friends, he was taken a few days ago to Johns Hopkins Hospital. The announcement of his death, so unexpected, was a great shock to his family and friends. The body was brought here to-night.

Mr. Venable was about fifty-seven years old, and was born in Prince Edward county. He was the son of the late Samuel Woodson Venable, with whom for a great many years he was associated in the tobacco business in this city, and whose trade connections throughout the country were very extensive. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia, and was subsequently a member of the board of visitors of that institution. In the years of his early manhood he was an instructor in the Petersburg High School, and later he taught school in New Orleans. He was a gentleman of the highest culture and broadest information, a kindly, courteous and genial man, and a valued citizen, whose loss will be sorely felt. He came to Petersburg in early youth, and grew up among our people, esteemed and respected by all. He was the soul of honor and integrity.

Mr. Venable always took great interest in national and State politics, and in 1895 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress in this, the Fourth district. John M. Langston, the negro, was the Republican nominee, and the contest was one of the most notable in the history of Southside Virginia. Mr. Venable was given the certificate of election, but after serving nearly his entire term in Congress, he was unseated by the partisan Republican majority. Mr. Venable made a magnificent fight in that contest in favor of white supremacy, and for the redemption of the district from Republican misrule.

Mr. Venable married Miss Wilmer, a daughter of Bishop Wilmer, of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, who survives him, with one daughter and two sons—Miss Helen Venable, Mr. A. G. Venable, Jr., and Mr. Samuel W. Venable, of The Times-Dispatch staff in Petersburg.

Mr. Venable belonged to a family of wide and influential connections, and an honorable record in Southside Virginia.

Sudden Death of a Contractor.

Mr. John E. Perkins, a well-known citizen and contractor, died very suddenly this morning while engaged at work on a new dwelling house on Pearl Street. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause of death, which followed very quickly after he was stricken. Mr. Perkins was about sixty years old, and he is survived by his wife and several sons and daughters—Mrs. W. T. Stone, Misses Goldie and Lora Perkins and Mr. Joseph E. Perkins, of this city; Mr. A. G. Perkins, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. W. H. Helmsman, of Richmond.

Contempt Proceedings.
The cases against a number of the leading members of the Harrison Street (colored) Baptist Church, charged with contempt of court in violating a de-

creed of the court, will be further heard before Judge Mullen to-morrow. These cases were partially heard last Monday. As far as known, the suggestion of the court that the leaders of the two factions in the church get together and try to settle their troubles has not been acted on, nor has the proposition of the anti-Tariff faction to submit the claims of both sides to the First (white) Baptist Church, or to either, or all of the white Baptist churches of the city, for settlement, and to abide by their decision, been accepted. So it is not known how the factional differences in the congregation of this church will be eventually settled.

Surrendered to the Police.
Last night a negro giving his name as Joe Johnson walked into the police station, and declaring that he was wanted in Richmond for shooting and wounding his wife, surrendered himself. The shooting is alleged to have occurred a year or more ago, since which time Johnson has been a fugitive and a wanderer. Meanwhile his wife recovered from her injuries, and it is said, has been at times living with or in communication with her husband. Johnson told the police that he was tired of wandering from place to place in fear of arrest, and he therefore determined to give himself up and stand trial. Chief of Police Magdalen has notified the Richmond police of the case, and if Johnson is wanted he will be sent for.

Personal and Otherwise.
Colonel C. A. Dempsey, U. S. A., retired, yesterday afternoon inspected the property, including uniforms, guns and equipment, of the Petersburg Grays, and last night addressed the company on small arms practice.

A very pretty little race came off yesterday afternoon at the Riverside Park track, the entries being Sam Prince, owned by W. T. Ralphy, and Mushade, owned by W. T. Ralphy, and of Petersburg. The race was a one-mile dash, best three in five. Mushade won in three straight heats; time, 2:40. At its regular meeting last night Petersburg's Colored Knights of Columbus, elected the following officers: Grand Knight, James H. Bailey; Deputy Grand Knight, J. T. Brown; Chancellor, J. Harry Bailey; Recorder, William J. Fisher; Financial Secretary, Thomas Fisher; Treasurer, E. J. Collins, Jr.; Advocate, Frank M. D'Alton; Warden, Fred A. D'Alton; Assistant Warden, R. P. Kilmarlin; Inside Guard, James Finn; Outside Guard, W. J. Kilmarlin; Gatekeeper, Rev. T. O'Farrell; Organist, Thomas Collins.

A telegram received to-day announced the death in Dallas, Texas, last night of Miss Katherine Louise Morris, youngest daughter of Mr. J. E. Morris, formerly of Petersburg.

An official communication has been received here from Secretary of the Navy Newberry stating that Midshipman Bernard of this city, who was court-martialed recently, has been reinstated.

TO WELCOME FLEET.

Arrival in Hampton Roads is Looked Forward To with Eagerness.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NOFOLK, VA., December 10.—Alvah H. Martin, Republican national committeeman, who returned from Washington this morning, following efforts in the Navy Department that brought about a change in the program of the fleet during its stay in Hampton Roads, confirms the report sent out from this city that the entire fleet would remain in the Roads for two days, that eight ships would be kept there eight days, and that the men will be given shore leave, such as is usually granted when in a home port. This change in the program will be hailed with delight throughout this section and Virginia, and it is expected that thousands of visitors will flock to the neighboring cities of Norfolk, Newport News, Richmond and Hampton in order to participate in the welcome exercises and to see the fleet of big warships that have circumnavigated the entire globe.

The fleet this time will be augmented by a number of the modern and fast cruisers of the navy, and in all it is expected that twenty-odd war vessels will be lined in the Roads at one time. With Norfolk and Newport News vying with each other in extending a welcome to the fleet, the harbor and city officials present, the ceremonies will be such as are seen but once in a lifetime.

THE LAST CLUB.

Proprietors Compromise by Agreeing to Quit and Close Up Shop.

BRISTOL, VA., December 10.—The arrest of Henry Shepard and his entire family, charged with selling whiskey in violation of the four-mile law at the Twin City Clubhouse in the suburbs of Bristol, resulted in a compromise to-day, by which the persons arrested agreed to abandon the house and forfeit such liquor as are stored there. By this agreement the last clubhouse of the kind here is closed.

New Bank Building.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., December 10.—The First National Bank announced to-day that on the 1st of May they would begin to erect a bank and office building, to cost between \$125,000 and \$150,000. The building will be seven stories, 100 feet high, and fireproof. The bank bought the site of the corner of Salem Avenue and Jefferson Street for \$60,000.

May Make Contest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., December 10.—The Anti-Saloon League to-night resolved to enlarge its scope of operations and to remain intact in order to assist in the enforcement of the prohibition law hereafter enacted out of business if such co-operation is needed. There seems to be no doubt to-night, but there will be a contest on the part of the saloon men, but no statement has been secured as yet for publication.

Powers Acquitted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., December 10.—Matthew F. Powers, who was arrested here November 30, charged with buying votes for Congressman Slem and the Republican ticket, was acquitted in the Corporation Court to-day.

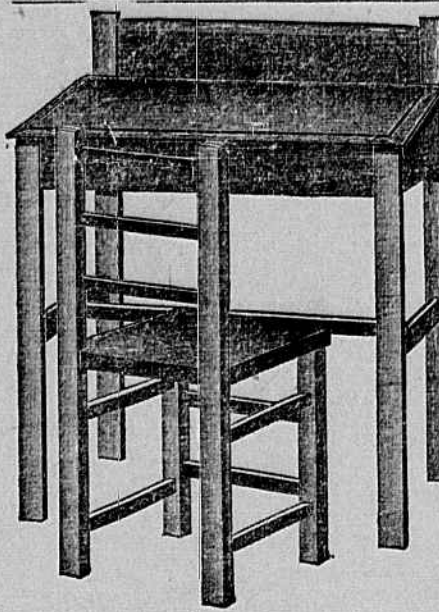
Rest From Legislation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., December 10.—Ex-Lieutenant-Governor R. A. Dougherty, who will represent Allegheny county in the next Legislature, announced to-day that he would not be a candidate for Speaker of the House of Representatives, despite the fact that his friends all over the State are urging him to run. Governor Dougherty, who is generally regarded as one of the safest and soundest Democrats in the State, thinks North Carolina needs a rest from legislation. He contends that all necessary legislation should be enacted in fifty days by the next General Assembly.

The Store for the Little Folks

As Well as for the Grown-Ups.

We place on sale this morning at 9 o'clock the several specials as illustrated below. They are for the little folks and the prices are so low to be within the reach of all.



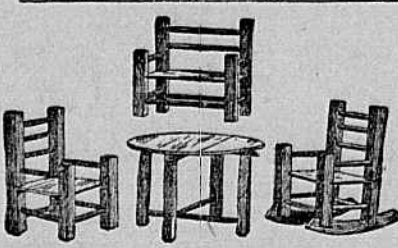
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Methodist Conference in North
Carolina Celebrated It Last
Night.

DURHAM, N. C., December 10.—The second day of the Methodist Conference was more largely attended than the first. Most of the business was of a routine nature. Devotional exercises to-day were conducted by Dr. J. E. Underwood, and a message of fraternal greeting was wired to the Baptist State Convention, now in session at Wilson. C. P. Snow lost his credentials by fire, and new ones were granted. The credentials of W. H. L. McLaughlin were returned to him, as he had withdrawn from the conference.

Rheumatism Caused by Dyspepsia

So Claim Many Eminent Doctors Upon Recent Scientific Investigation.

A large school of physicians, which is constantly increasing, claims that the eating of too much animal foods creates an overabundance of proteins, which are composed of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur, and that when such proteins are imperfectly digested and absorbed, they create vast quantities of nitrogen, which the oxygen from the lungs cannot neutralize, and hence results in acid and rheumatism and scores of other diseases.

These proteins do not permit the assimilating processes to take place properly and poisoning results all through the blood.

However, if such proteins are perfectly digested they form a most valuable part of our food and are absolutely necessary to life.

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Two Men Are Held, Charged with the Murder of E. W. Smith.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., December 10.—Frederick Miller and John Crenshaw, committed to jail three weeks ago by Coroner Seaparks on warrants charging them with the murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, were to-day released on Jones, there being no evidence to connect them with the murder for the commission of which Earle Cotton and Tim Holdfield are held without bail.

Gracie James, the third prisoner committed by the coroner, is being held as a probable important witness in connection with the trial of Cotton and Holdfield. It is understood that the coroner will take no further action in connection with the murder, so that there will be no verdict from his jury.

For Scholarship Fund.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., December 10.—Arrangements are being made for a big public meeting of the alumni of the State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, here Saturday night, in the interest of raising Wake county's share of the Charles Melver memorial fund, with which to establish scholarships.

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- One \$350 Royal, carved mahogany case, now . . . \$169
- One \$375 Large Size Haines, mahogany case, now . . . \$195
- One \$275 Rucker Piano, mahogany case, now . . . \$130
- One \$360 Hallet & Davis, mahogany case, now . . . \$205
- One \$300 Heinze Piano, mahogany case, now . . . \$207
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